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## **BOARD APPROVES ENGLISH LITERACY PROGRAM**

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The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:

• The Board voted unanimously to accept a grant in the amount of \$95,100 from the State of California to establish English Language and Literacy Intensive programs at a number of libraries throughout the county, including the Montclair Branch Library. These programs are designed to enhance the English language proficiency of students and their parents in order to improve academic achievement and improve test scores. Local school districts and community outreach organizations will also be involved in the programs. The libraries chosen for the programs were selected because they are located among a relatively high concentration of students who scored below acceptable proficiency levels in comprehending English on standardized tests.

"These programs should prove beneficial in helping children and their parents achieve acceptable English proficiency to succeed in their academic studies," said Supervisor Fred Aguiar. "I am pleased to see that the Montclair Branch Library will be among those offering these programs."

• The Board unanimously approved plans for pavement rehabilitation on a number of roads in the Chino area and authorized the advertisement of bids for the project. The roads to receive rehabilitation include Philadelphia Avenue from the L.A. County Line to Monte Vista, Francis Avenue from East End Avenue to Monte Vista, East End Avenue from just south of Philadelphia Avenue to Francis Avenue, and from Riverside Avenue to Walnut Avenue, and Ramona Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Phillips Avenue. Drainage improvements will also be installed along Francis Avenue. Construction is expected to begin by December. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2.2 million, which will be financed by the City of Chino, San Bernardino County gas tax funds, and Measure "I" funds.

• Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the San Bernardino County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee. The Committee serves to advise the Board of Supervisors and other administrative bodies relative to in-home supportive services and the delivery and administration of these services. The selected applicant would serve the remainder of an un-expired term ending 10/31/02, at which time they would be eligible for reappointment. To receive an application, please contact the office of Supervisor Fred Aguiar at (909) 387-4866. Applicants must reside in the Fourth Supervisorial District, which includes the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, and Montclair. Priority will be given to past or present users of in-home services. Applications must be completed and returned no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.